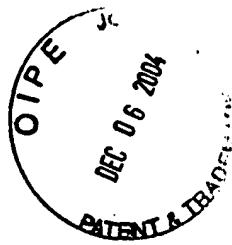


A F I FW

Docket No: 99-445

Customer No: 32127



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Patent Application of:**

Serial Number: 09/489,517

Filed: 1/21/2000

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA

Sir:

Please indicate the status of the above-identified application on the attached copy of this letter and send to the address affiliated with Customer Number: 32127

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: December 6, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Andersen".

Christian Andersen  
Assistant Secretary  
“Verizon Corporate Services Group”  
By Change of Name from “GTE Services  
Corporation by Assignment from “GTE  
Networking, Inc.”